

## Smithsonian Institution Office of Protection Services

600 Maryland Ave SW

Suite 4100

Washington, District Of Columbia United States

20013

# Incident Report

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Incident Number: SI-2017-012909

File Number:

Class/Category: Case Report/Criminal

Occurred From Date/Time: 5/26/2017 4:45 PM

Status: Open



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## Incident Details

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Incident Number: SI-2017-012909

#### Classification

Class: Case Report

Category: Criminal

SubCategory: Miscellaneous

Reported Date/Time: 5/26/2017 4:47 PM

Occurred From Date/Time: 5/26/2017 4:45 PM

Occurred To Date/Time: 5/26/2017 6:45 PM

Incident Duration: 2Hrs. 0Min.

#### Summary:

Friday May 26, 2017 at approximately 1645 HMSG Officer Acquah, Laud reported that a noose was hanging under the canopy of the Magnolia Tree on the plaza.

#### Physical Location

Site: Hirshhorn-211

Building: Hirshhorn Museum &  
Sculpture Garden-211-001

Location: Plaza, Street\first floor

Address: 7th & Independence Ave SW  
Washington, District Of  
Columbia 20560  
United States

### Supplemental Details

Notified Department: No

Reported to Police: No

Reported to SSD: No

Follow-up Required: No

## Incident Narratives

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Total = 1

AUTHOR:	Burke Jr, Steven C	Narrative Type:	Case Report
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## Narrative:

Friday May 26, 2017 at approximately 1645 HMSG Officer Acquah, Laud reported that a noose was hanging under the canopy of the Magnolia Tree on the plaza.

Lt. Burke arrived on the plaza at approximately 1650 with camera to take photos of the scene. Officer Acquah stated that he was patrolling the plaza when he noticed the noose hanging in the tree, there was no one in the immediate area of the magnolia tree at the time he noticed the noose. The incident was reported to HMSG Assistant Sec.

Manager F. Pettiford and Watch Commander Avery. Commander Avery informed me to notify Park Police. Park Police was notified at approximately 1745, arrived on the scene at approximately 1800 hours. Officer Kessebeh, Elizabeth and Crime Scene Tech Officer Cook and Detective Lawston Christopher Badge #209 arrived shortly after.

Park Police took photos, canvased the area and took possession of the noose. Park Police Case Number 52617-137 (Suspicious Occurrence)

## Notified:

HMSG Assist Security Manager

Ms. Pettiford F.

Watch Commander

Commander Avery A.

HMSG Security Manager

Ms. Cameron C

## Attachments

## Selected for Printing

Total = 5

## Jefferson Dr. View



Attachment Type: Picture

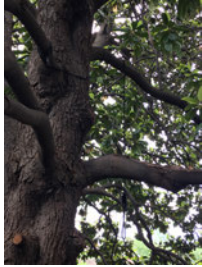
File Name: Jefferson Dr. View.JPG

File Size: 4448 KB

Description: View from the street Jefferson Drive

Noose

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Attachment Type: Picture  
File Name: Noose.JPG  
File Size: 3037 KB  
Description: Noose hanging from the tree

Noose 2

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Attachment Type: Picture  
File Name: Noose 2.JPG  
File Size: 2614 KB  
Description: Close up of noose hanging from tree

Plaza View

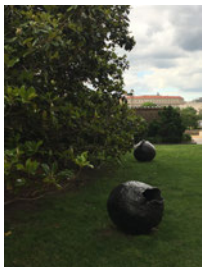
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Attachment Type: Picture  
File Name: Plaza View.JPG  
File Size: 2135 KB  
Description: View of Magnolia tree from plaza

Plaza View 2

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Attachment Type: Picture  
File Name: Plaza View 2.JPG  
File Size: 2274 KB  
Description: Plaza View

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## Investigation Details

Investigation Start Date:

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Investigation Last Review  
Date:

Investigation Closed Date:

Investigation Initiated By  
Person:

Investigation Duration: 0

Total Time Spent: 0 Hrs. 0 Min.

Total Expenses:

Investigation Comments:

## Incident Controls

### Incident Controls

Org Rollup Name	Access Level:	Level 1 (Lowest)
Org Level 1:	Status:	Open
Org Level 2:	Disposition:	
Org Level 3:	Expiry Date:	
Org Level 4:	Locked:	No
	Archive (record not visible):	No
	Record Owner:	Burke Jr, Steven C

### Incident Visibility

Owner Workgroup:	NMAH	Exceptions:	Workgroup Name	Record Rights
All Workgroups:	None			

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# Incident Report

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Occurred From Date/Time: 5/31/2017 3:10 PM

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Status: Open

## Incident Details

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Incident Number: SI-2017-013337

#### Classification

Class: Case Report

Category: Criminal

SubCategory: Miscellaneous

Reported Date/Time: 5/31/2017 1:45 PM

Occurred From Date/Time: 5/31/2017 3:10 PM

#### Summary:

On May 31, 2017 at approximately 13:45 while conducted a patrol on C-2, AUSS Officer Vincent Duckett discovered a piece of rope tied in a not on the floor in front of the Democracy Abroad, Injustice at Home case.

#### Physical Location

Site: NMAAHC-271

Building: NMAAHC Guard Booth-271-002

### Supplemental Details

Notified Department: No

Reported to Police: No

Reported to SSD: No

Follow-up Required: No



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## Incident Involvement Section

Linked Person

Total = 1

Exemption 6

Involvement Type:

Complainant



Gender: Male

Hair Color:

Eye Color:

Height: 00' 00"

Weight: 0lbs

Marital Status:

Employee?: No

Interviewed?: No

Phone Number:

Address:

First Aid Administered?: No

Person Hospitalized?: No

Injured: No

Notes:

Address:

Exemption 6

Phone:

Exemption 6

Email:

Exemption 6

## Incident Narratives

Incident Narratives

Total = 2

AUTHOR: Johnson Jr, Joe  
Kerry Narrative Type: Case Report

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## Narrative:

On May 31, 2017 at approximately 13:45 while conducted a patrol on C-2, AUSS Officer Vincent Duckett discovered noose on the floor, in front of the Democracy Abroad, Injustice at Home case. Officer Duckett notified OPS Supervisor Lieutenant, Patrick Newman who responded to the area and secured the immediate area around the noose then he contacted Assistant Security Manager, Joe Johnson. I responded to the area at approximately 13:55hrs and closed the gallery. Contacted unit control room and advised them to notify Watch Commanders desk and United States Park Police, then I contacted District Manager, Anita Montgomery who then contacted OPS Director, Jean O'toole, NMAAHC Associate Director of Operation, Lynn Ellington and NMAAHC Deputy Director Kinshasha Holman-Conwill.

Pictures were taken of the rope and surrounding cases, Lt. Gregory Dixon conducted a review of CCTV footage of the area **Exemption 7(E)**. At 14:20 District Manager, Ms. Montgomery, Security Manager Ms. Medlock and OPS Director, O'toole responded, 14:09 USPP Officers Sinacore and Allen responded, 14:31 USPP Sergeant Bahamonda responded, 14:36 USPP Detective Bounka responded, 14:49 USPP Lt. Felt responded, 15:03 USPP Crime Lab Technician Cook responded took photos of the rope and surrounding area, and collected the rope. The area was reopened to visitors at approximately 15:10. Det. Bounka and Crime Lab Tech Cook were escorted to the control room, they reviewed CCTV footage of the area **Exemption 7(E)**.

During this incident a juvenile female visitor reported seeing the noose which made her very upset, she was accompanied by her father they were asked if they saw who placed the noose they both replied no. They explained they observed the noose when the area was closed by security. They provided their contact information and were later contacted by Det. Bounka USPP on the concourse level, they departed the building at approximately 15:50 without further incident.

Statements from the following are attached: Lt. Patrick Newman and AUSS Officer Vincent Duckett

AUTHOR:	Johnson Jr, Joe Kerry	Narrative Type:	Supplemental
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Narrative:

Newman statement:

On Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 13:50, Officer Vincent Duckett Allied Universal Security showed me at rope lying in the floor of the Jim Crow exhibit area. The rope resembled the appearance of a NOOSE. When I arrived in the area none of the visitors appeared not to see or realize the rope on the floor. I then called Assistant Security Manager Mr. Joe Johnson and the control room. I informed the control room to pull any camera footage possible in the area. At 13:53 I cleared and closed that section of the gallery area to preserve the incident scene. Mr. Johnson arrived to the gallery at 13:55 to assume command and gave me further instructions for admittance to the gallery. At 14:09 USPP arrived to join in the securing of the Gallery and photograph the incident scene of the rope. At 15:15 the incident scene was cleared and reopened to the public.

Lieutenant Patrick K. Newman  
Office of Protection Service  
National Museum of African American History  
1400 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20560  
Phone; 202-633-7887

## Attachments

### Additional Attachments

Total = 4

Attachment Title:	1488_001	File Name:	1488_001.pdf
Attachment Type:		File Size:	23 KB
		Description:	AUSS Duckett statemant

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Attachment Title:	IMG_0115	File Name:	IMG_0115.JPG
Attachment Type:		File Size:	765 KB
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Attachment Title:	IMG_0124	File Name:	IMG_0124.JPG
Attachment Type:		File Size:	864 KB
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Attachment Title:	IMG_0125	File Name:	IMG_0125.JPG
Attachment Type:		File Size:	937 KB
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